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DR. GEIGER'S ADDRESS

LAST OF THE SERIES DELIVERED

Professor of Philosophy Gives Remedy for
Agnosticism—Discussion, Profound
and Practical.

On last Wednesday evening, Dr. Geiger concluded the series of addresses he has been making before the Student-body under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The subject of these discussions has been: "Present day religious doubt; its cause and its cure." In his last discussion Dr. Geiger described what he regarded as an adequate remedy for the religious skepticism that prevails today.

"The only criterion of the validity of our religious beliefs," declared the speaker, "is the practical difference that they make in our lives. And this follows from the very nature of beliefs, religious or otherwise. Religious beliefs are instruments of control; they are working hypotheses. They are precisely analogous to the hypotheses of science. And their validity is to be tested by the same criterion as is employed in testing scientific hypotheses, namely by their working value. It is possible that we have taken particular religious beliefs too seriously. We have hypostatized them. They are but means to an end and we have made them ends in themselves. We fail to make the distinction between 'belief' and 'faith.' Faith is something far more fundamental and more abiding than belief. It is that for which belief exists. It furnishes the motive power of religion. It is dynamic and creative. It is the substance of things hoped for—the very stuff out of which religious ideals are realized.

"Now beliefs are the intellectual tools of faith; they are the statements we find it necessary to make about religious experience in order to control it in the interest of the great ideals embodied in our faith. They must change as experience changes, they must expand with our expanding ideals. In the meantime, their truth or validity is evidenced by the way they work, by the difference they make in our lives.

"And here is a task for the best minds and most consecrated characters our college and our Y. M. C. A.

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INDIANS MASSACRE JACKETS

Ashlanders Humbled on Home Grounds—Hines
Scores on Fumble—Ellis, Close and Burford
Star--Indian's Defense Impregnable.

The Indians caused a big surprise by scoring a 14-7 victory over the Jackets, at Ashland. The game was a clean cut and decisive victory for the Williamsburgers. The steady, consistent exhibition put up by the Indians was the feature of the game. Randolph-Macon fought hard but was out-classed by her opponents.

Only once were the Indians in danger, that being in the fourth quarter when "Monk" Ellis, who was circling left end, fumbled. Hiner caught the ball and having a clear field raced 90 yards for a touchdown.

The Indian's incessant attack demoralized the Jacket's line. Garber and Close were seen to gain repeatedly through the line while Ellis had very little trouble in circling the ends.

The defence of the Orange and Black eleven was so strong that the Jackets made only two first-downs during the game.

In the opening quarter, Randolph-Macon kicked off to the Indians. On the second play, after the kick-off, Ellis tore off 30 yards around end. After an unsuccessful forward pass the Indians were forced to kick. During the remainder of the period the ball was held in the middle of the field, William and Mary having the advantage. The quarter ended with the ball in the hands of the Jackets on their 30 yard line.

The Williamsburgers, by steady gains, brought the ball to the Jacket's ten yard line but were unable to take it across the goal line. Upon receiving the Jacket's punt the Indians added repeated gains and this time made a touchdown. Somers kicked goal making the score 7-0 in favor of William and Mary. The first half was soon over.

Randolph-Macon took a brace and gained twenty-five yards in two downs. This rush was immediately checked, however. Both elevens were about evenly matched until Hiner broke the deadlock in the fourth quarter by getting up a fumble and scoring. Creekmur kicked goal thereby making a tie score 7 to 7.

The Orange and Black eleven did not lose heart but rushed the ball down the field from the kick-off for another touchdown. Somers again kicked goal and the score remained 14-7 in favor of William and Mary.

The line-up:

R.-M.	Position	W. & M.
Christian	left end	Somers
Copley	left tackle	Reid
Morton	left guard	Copeland
Creekmur	center	Wilson (capt.)
Meyberg	right guard	Garber
Hudnall	right tackle	Burford
Moss	right end	James
Hiner	quarter back	Fentress
Young	left half	Goslee
Waters	right half	Close
Wray	full back	Ellis

Substitutions: William and Mary—Robinson for Reid. Lassiter for Goslee. Randolph-Macon—Carwile for Morton; Reardon for Wray; Woodfin for Christian; Lancaster for Carwile.

Summary: Touchdowns—Close (2), Hiner, Goals from touchdowns—Somers (2), Creekmur. Referee, Word (Virginia); Umpire, Currie (Davidson); head lineman, Boyd, (Davidson). Time periods, 15 minutes.

SOUTHWEST CLUB

Last Friday night the students from the South western part of the state met and reorganized the Southwest Club. This is the largest and most spirited club in college. The officers are Kyle, president, Fuller, vice-president; and Richardson, secretary. It is customary for this club to be heard from sometime during the year. Professors Oglesby and Woods were elected honorary members.

The Debtor's Notion—First—There is one sign that should be placed over every letter box in the city.

Second—What is that?
First—"Post No Bills."—Yale Record.

PHOENICIANS WIN

THE FRESHMAN CONTEST SPIRITED

Philomathean Wins In Reading—Warren,
Acey and Ferguson Capture
the Banner.

The Annual Intersociety Contest between the Freshmen of the Phoenix and Philomathean Literary Societies was held on the night of November 6th. The audience was small but this did in no way curb the spirit of the young speakers. The contestants did well in their initial performance and the decision could not be ascertained until the last debater had taken his seat. Hobson in his declamation, "The Face on the Floor," entranced the audience. He was the only Philomathean to win out in the contest, though his team mates gave the judges trouble in making their decisions. Last year's banner which was won by the Philomatheans, goes back into the Phoenix hall as a result of the latter's victory.

Summary of program:
In Oratory—
L. E. Warren (winner), Phoenix.
G. M. Nicholson, Philomathean.
Reading—
W. F. C. Ferguson (winner), Phoenix.
J. F. Johnson, Philomathean.

Debate—
Question: Resolved, That there should be an Elective System of Military Training in the high schools of the United States.

Affirmative,
A. Acey (winner), Phoenix.
Negative,
I. D. Akers, Philomathean.
Judges:
Professors, Tyler, Oglesby, Geiger.

AN ENJOYABLE DANCE

An enjoyable dance was given Friday evening in the Dance Hall in honor of the young ladies of the town in which a large number of the Academy and younger College students participated.

Several new and interesting innovations were introduced. The dancing began at 8:30 and lasted until 11:30.

W. L. McCormick and "Duc" Thomas went to Richmond Saturday to witness the V. M. I.-Clemson game.

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TUESDAY, NOV. 14, 1916

MARTYRS OF THE GAME

Eleven brainy and brawny athletes romp out on the gridiron, a yell goes up from the stands, the college colors are borne triumphantly over the field and the stars of the game have carved their names upon hearts of their fellow students. Their trophies are on exhibition in the Hall of Fame to be observed by students of future years. These are the heroes not the martyrs of the game.

Along the sidelines we see the unheard of and unpraised second team. They have been instrumental in the victory, but their names do not find their way into the sporting columns, nor do they echo from the stands. The Varsity has brain and brawn but the two have been coupled by practice against the second string men. Are the bruises less felt by the scrub than by the regular, or does their unnoticed position serve as balm to their suffering? With wounded pride, broken bones and scratches from head to foot, the second team has lifted the Varsity above their opponents. The season has been a success, because there were men with true devotion and undying spirit, who would sacrifice for their College. You may rob them of a kind word but you cannot dishearten their efforts. They will fight for their colors until taken from the field in agony, because they have a larger conception of victory. These are the martyrs of the game.

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Mound, Louisiana.,

November 7, 1916.

President of the Senior Class,
William and Mary College,
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Dear Sir:

I notice, in a recent issue of The Flat Hat, that steps have been taken towards securing a memorial to the

late Dr. Stubbs. Please find enclosed check for one dollar as a small token of my admiration and regard for one who has done much for William and Mary and under whose influence I am glad to have come.

I have no doubt but that many alumni, if they knew of it, would likewise welcome this opportunity to express, in such a form, their respect for his memory.

Very truly yours,

FRANKLIN M. BARNES.

DR. WEATHERFORD COMING

One of the greatest lights in the collegiate circles of the South is Dr. W. D. Weatherford. Dr. Weatherford is a scholar, author and social reformer, but he is of especial importance to the students of the South because of his active work in helping the schools and colleges to solve their community problems. Besides his unparalleled work in social and community reform in college life Dr. Weatherford has probably done even more in his personal work with individual students in helping them to decide upon a definite course of life's work.

A rare opportunity will be afforded the students of William and Mary during the week end beginning Friday, Nov. 17th when Dr. Weatherford will pay a visit to this college. He will come under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of the College and will work during his stay in cooperation with the association. No definite program has been arranged for yet, since the Y. M. C. A. officers have thought it best to let Dr. Weatherford work according to his own plans.

It is hoped that the students will welcome Dr. Weatherford with cordial hearts and with ready response to his work in our midst. The least any student can do is to cooperate with the local committee in making the visit of the "Students' Friend" a time not to be forgotten.

The program for public addresses by and conferences with Dr. Weatherford will be announced later. Watch the bulletins.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. J. C. Calhoun was in Richmond Saturday.

Dr. J. S. Wilson spent the latter part of the week delivering a series of educational addresses in Eastern Virginia.

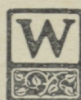
"Sweeney" Blitzer and friend spent the week end at the College.

Mr. Langston, Y. M. C. A. state secretary spent Monday night with the local association, getting things in shape for the Weatherford program.

Messrs. Blanks and Pulley went home for a day or so last week.

Among the old students and friends of the College seen at the game in Ashland were P. P. Taylor, John Presson, Dr. and "Cutie" Goodwin and Miss "Billie" Moncure.

Jim Stephens spent Saturday in this city.



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PAPOOSES WIN

Newport News High School went down to defeat at the hands of the William and Mary Academy here Friday afternoon. Owing to the condition of the field which was very muddy neither was able to give a full display of their football ability. The first few minutes of the game looked as if it was going to be a tight and hard fought game but later the Little Indians finding the weak points in the High School Boys played strong football throughout the game. The feature of the game was the playing of Weikert, the Academy full back, hitting the opposing line like a C. & O. mountain climber.

LINE-UP:

N. N. H. S	Position	W. M. A.
Thomas	l. e.	Foster
Sinton	l. t.	Gray
Barrett	l. g.	Hedrick
Jester	c	Stout
Andrews	r. g.	Renick
Lewis	r. t.	Acree
Davis	r. e.	Chappell, Capt.
Jones, Capt.	q. b.	Amory
Hudson	f. b.	Weikert
Seigel	l. h.	Wornom
Le Fevre	r. h.	West

Substitutions: W. M. A., Zollinger for Foster, Hen'er for Zollinger. N. N. H. S., Richardson for Sinton. Touchdowns, Weikert 2. West 1. Umpire, Wilson (W. & M.) Referee, Hubbard (W. & M.) Head Linesman Stryker (W. & M.)

ELECTIONS NEWS

Tuesday p. m.—Hughes elected by an overwhelming majority.

Wednesday a. m.—Wilson re-elected, with 276 electoral votes.

Wednesday p. m.—Election in doubt.

Friday a. m.—Wilson again re-elected.

Returns for William and Mary:
Wilson 246
Hughes 9
Hanley 1

It was reported that Simms was threatened with a nervous collapse because of the protracted uncertainty of President Wilson's reelection. Three nights the young patriot paced the floors reiterating, "If the American people do not reelect Wilson Democracy is a failure."

"Duc"—Speculated on the election to the enormous sum of twenty-five cents. He bet that Thomas Hughes would carry the state of New York. Needless to say, he is minus his two-bit note.

Mr. Carpenter, Hughes' staunch supporter, has ceded the state of Virginia to his opponents.

Mr. Hanley failed to make as good a run in this vicinity as had been predicted by his campaign manager, Dr. Billups.

It's about time for Hughes to return those kisses he received from Mrs. Hughes on false pretences.

Rah, rah! rah, rah, rah! Wilson! Wilson!

GRIDIRON GLEANINGS

This is the first football victory over Randolph Macon by our team in the history of the league games.

After the Jackets failed to gain through the Orange and Black line, they began to hurl passes at random. So well did the Indians smash this style of offense that only two forward passes were successful, one giving the Ashlanders their first down of the game.

About the best defense is a strong offense. With Close, Ellis and Goslee tearing down the field for substantial gains, there was no danger of the opponents scoring.

Too much credit cannot be given Somers and Maddox for their part in the victory. They rendered the work of the Jackets on the flanks as futile as an attempt to get three yards through Wilson at center.

Coach Hubbard's proteges worked like a well-oiled machine throughout. Let some of those who charge the team with being badly coached explain Saturday's result.

Dr. Goodwin was of much assistance in administering medical aid to injured members of the team between halves.

Get ready for the Spiders. If the Freshmen do not understand this, ask an upper-classman.

It is probable that Billy Word, the former Virginia Star halfback, will referee the Indian-Spider game.

A DOVE OF PEACE

Pat—Begora, and ye didn't bring 'em to terms.

Ford—The Dove of Peace is not ready to descend upon European soil.

Pat—Let me tell how to do it. Send me wife over and Faith the armies will run in both directions.

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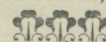
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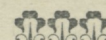
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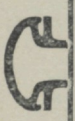
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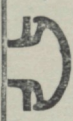
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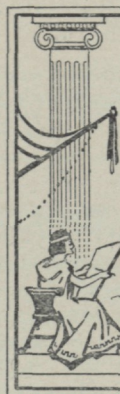
can turn out. The ideals, the true
ends of our religion must be more
clearly defined. And they must be
defined with reference to actual
social and ethical problems confront-
ing us today. Furthermore, the
relevancy of religious beliefs and
practices to these ideals must be
scrutinized; it must be determined
how adequate or inadequate they
are for accomplishing the ends of
religion and must be modified ac-
cordingly. Here lies the way to a
triumph over religious skepticism
and the establishment of vital and
effective religious faith."

FOOTBALL CELEBRATION.

Enthusiasm, such as can best be
described by saying it was a result of
an Indian victory on the gridiron,
spread like wild-fire over Williams-
burg, when the news was received
Saturday night. The Chapel bell
proclaimed the Indian victory to the
vicinity for more than an hour.
This was followed by the customary
shirt-tail parade in which the "Ducs"
performed in fine style. An en-
trance was forced at "The Palace,"
but at the request of the manager
the parade artists retired. The pro-
cession continued down Duke of
Gloucester street and a short visit
was made at the Dancing school.
They were again unwelcomed and
made an orderly retreat to Peacock
Hill, where short speeches were
given by members of the faculty.
Later a bonfire was started and the
Jacket's team was duly given a place
in perdition. Sometime during the
night the mysterious paint-brush
began work with telling effect. The
people in town should long for these
celebrations to be repeated, since
they are helpful in cleaning up both
front and back yards as well as old
rickety doorsteps.

ENGLISH ONE, AND LOST

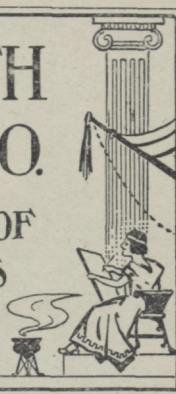
Tell me not in idle jingle
Wilson's English is a cinch!
For my cheeks are made to tingle,
When before his gaze I flinch.
Boynton's Principles! Oh in earnest!
Concentration seems our goal;
"Wilson's English you will learnest"
Hath been spoken to my soul.
Scan pour thoughts alone each night,
Is advice that has been tendered;
By that act you'll win the fight.
In "Course Two" thou shall be
numbered.
Years are long if time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though strong and
true,
From this English are retreating.
Oh! that knowledge makes me blue.
Let us then be up and reading
Before the sections are two more,
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